

indicative allocation of Rs. 68.84 crore and Rs. 85.31 crore has been released.

(d) The progress from Andhra Pradesh is yet to be received. However, utilization certificates of the funds released will be due after March, 2007.

Pending projects of Commonwealth Games

†408. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that files of about half dozen of important projects pertaining to Commonwealth Games are still pending for clearance in various departments due to the objections against the same;

(b) if so, the details of these projects; and

(c) whether the completion of these projects is likely to be delayed as a result of these objections?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The process of seeking clearances from various agencies for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 related projects is an on-going process and any objections/clarifications raised by them are being suitably addressed by the implementation agencies concerned. For expediting the required clearances, an Empowered Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects, which has been meeting regularly. Another Committee has been set up, with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as convenor to deal with clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC).

The major sports infrastructure projects related to the Commonwealth Games, 2010 are: construction/upgradation of Games Village and two Indoor Stadiums by Delhi Development Authority (DDA); Jawaharlal Nehru Complex, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Indira Gandhi Complex, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range and S.P. Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex by SAI; the Thyagaraj Sports Complex and Talkatora Indoor

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Stadium by the Government of NCT of Delhi/NDMC; and R.K. Khanna Tennis Complex by All India Lawn Tennis Association, apart from some smaller venues/training facilities at various places including Delhi University. In addition, the Government of NCT of Delhi has project proposals for a number of flyovers, bridges and roads/widening of roads etc., which are concerned with requirements for transport and communication *vis-a-vis* the Commonwealth Games and/or with the general upgradation of civic infrastructure in the city. These, *inter alia*, include the project of the Link Road (Tunnel) from the Games Village site to the vicinity of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and Bye Passes at Mahipalpur and Masoodpur for improvement in airport connectivity.

(c) All the Games related projects are expected to be completed in time for the Commonwealth Games.

Legislation on Commonwealth Games

†409. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that for the Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne last year, a Commonwealth Games Management Act-2001 was enacted over there;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enact the same kind of Act also for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi so that the other Acts including Environment and Heritage may not hamper the projects relating to these games; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. For expediting various clearances, Government has constituted an Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects. Another Committee has been set up, with

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